



Calhoun County Joint Information Center

Wednesday, February 16, 2022



Administrative Notes

- Please mute your phone
- This is a listening-only meeting, besides the pre-arranged speakers
- Please send any questions through Zoom chat function
- Enter your name on Zoom, so we know who is asking questions
- Please let PIOs know if you have questions.



Unified Command Team

Kelli Scott, Calhoun County Administrator/Controller

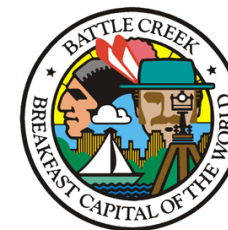
Rebecca Fleury, Battle Creek City Manager

Eric Pessell, Health Officer, Calhoun County Public Health Department



CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER

COVID-19 Unified Response





Additional Speaker



Joint Operations Center:

Lines of Effort and Priorities

Save Lives

Mitigate Suffering

Protect the Vulnerable

- Develop community-wide approach
- Create a virtual Joint Operations Center
- Respond to impacts and effect of the Shelter in Place Order
- Anticipate and prepare for COVID increase and surge capability
- Develop plan to reset and stabilize



Purpose of Joint Information Center (JIC)

To provide current and relevant information regarding actions, activities and resources in the JOC in a combined format for community and elected leadership, as well as the media

To listen to and determine the needs of all jurisdictions in Calhoun County



Agenda

Countywide COVID-19 Situation -
Pessell

COVID-19 December Data- Pessell

COVID-19 Booster Data- Pessell

Emerging Variants- Pessell

Spring Season Allergies- Fleury

Vaccine News - Fleury

Test, Mask, & Vaccines - Fleury

FREE KN95 Locations - Fleury

Comments from Representatives -Open
to Elected Officials or their
representatives



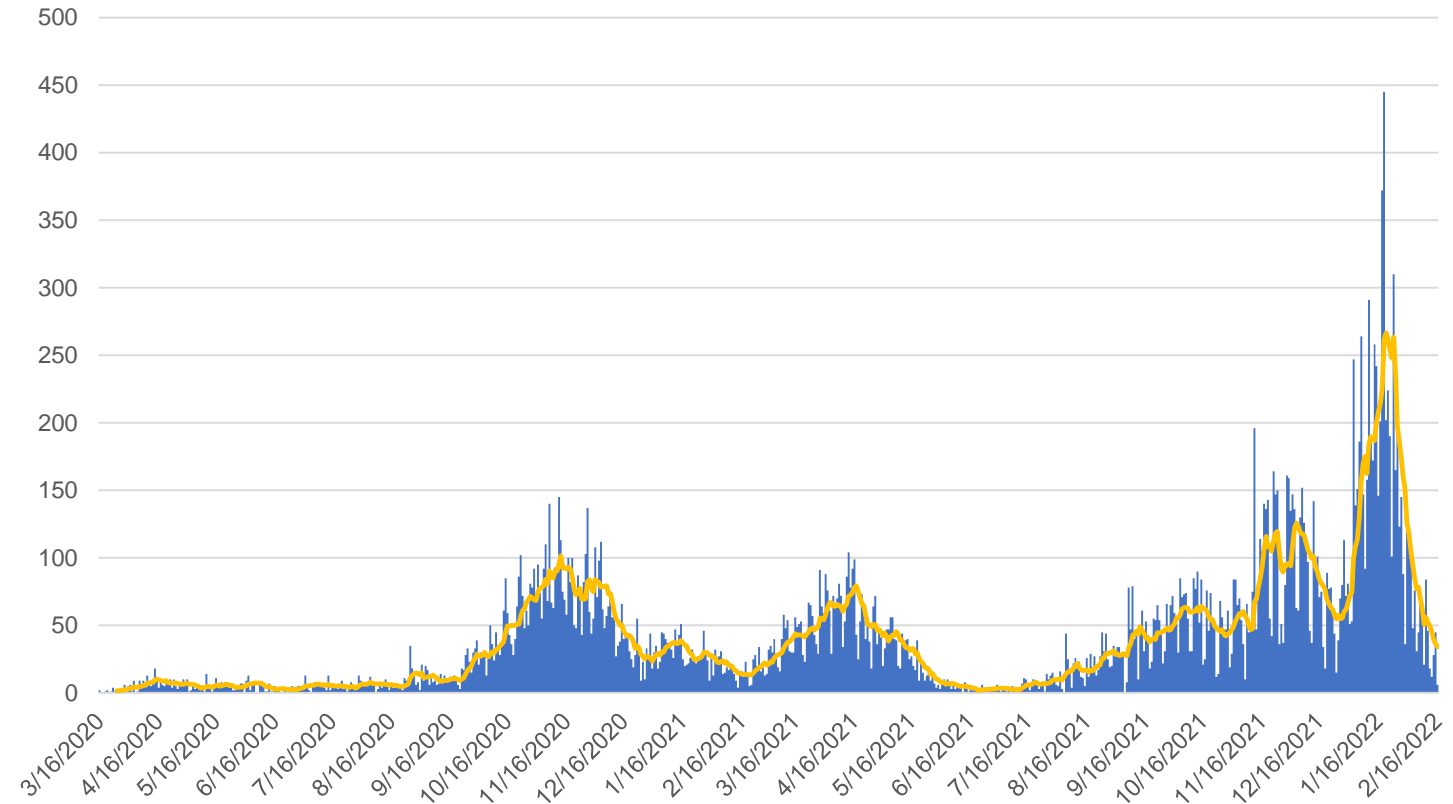
Current Situation

Last Updated: 2/16/2022 8:30 AM

Positive for 2019-nCoV	28,091
Current COVID-19 Persons in Hospital Beds	17
Deaths	513



Laboratory Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Referral Date, Calhoun County





COVID-19 Vaccine December Data

- New data from the CDC shows unvaccinated adults who are 65+ and infected with COVID were 49x more likely to be hospitalized in December than those in the same age group who are vaccinated and have gotten their additional or booster doses.
- In December 2021, the monthly rate of COVID-associated hospitalizations was 16x higher in unvaccinated adults who are 18+(compared to those in the same age group who are fully vaccinated.)
- Compared to the fully vaccinated in the same age group, December's monthly rate of COVID-associated hospitalizations was 9x higher in unvaccinated adolescents ages 12-17. REMINDER: Everyone 5+ is eligible to receive a vaccine at no cost.

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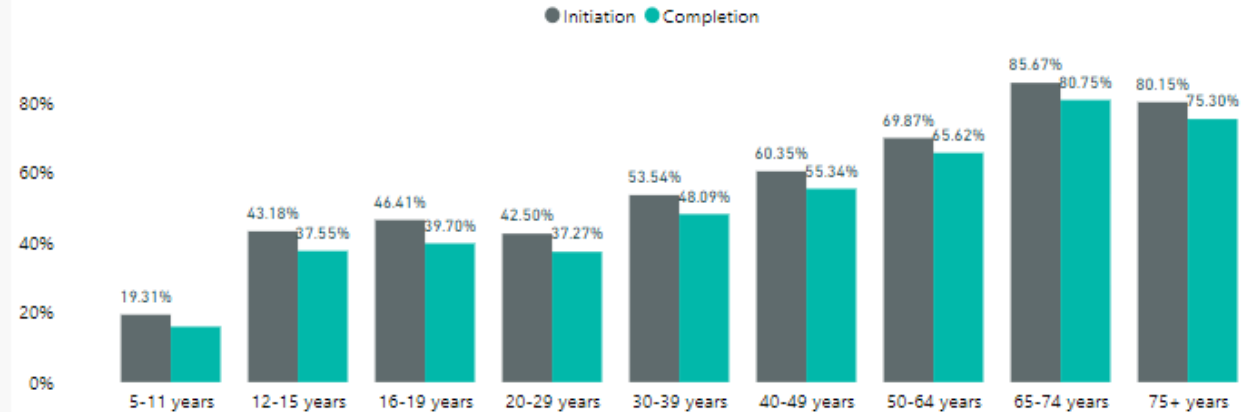




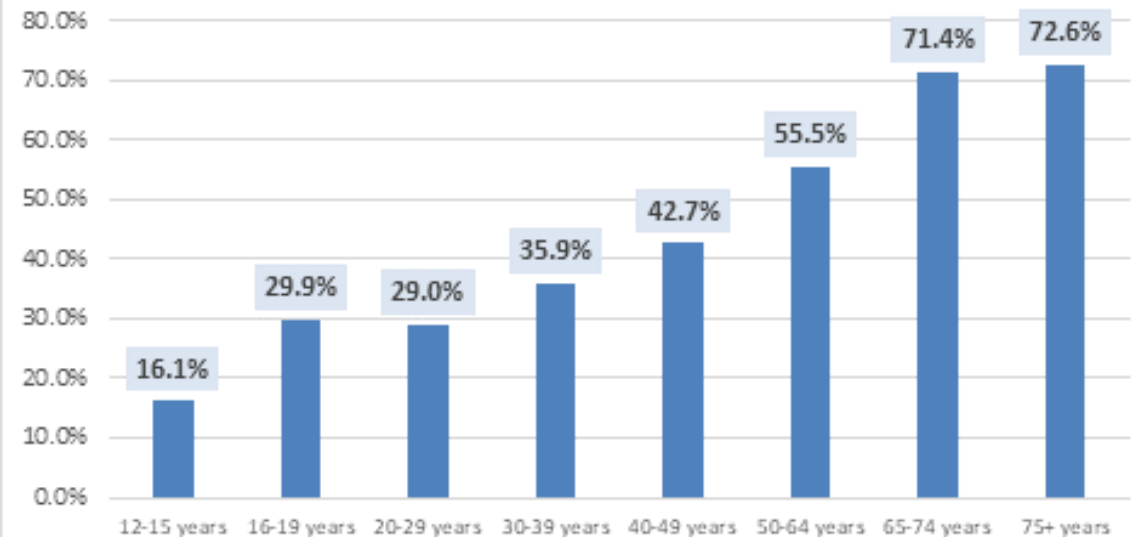
COVID-19 Booster Calhoun County

- 11,381 Calhoun County residents ages 65- 74 years have a completed vaccine series. Currently, 8,123 individuals in the same age group have received boosters.
- 17,609 residents ages 50-64 have a completed vaccine series. Boosters received for the 50-64 age group is 9,779 in Calhoun County.
- Boosters are safe and effective, and CDC continues to recommend everyone 5 and older remain up to date with recommended COVID-19 vaccinations to ensure optimal protection against hospitalizations and severe outcomes. For most people, that means getting a booster dose 5 months after receiving an mRNA vaccine or 2 months after receiving Johnson and Johnson's Janssen vaccine. CDC is continuing to closely monitor the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines to help inform public health efforts.
- Data updated 2/10/22. Source:
https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_103214-547150--,00.html

COVID Vaccine Coverage by Age Group



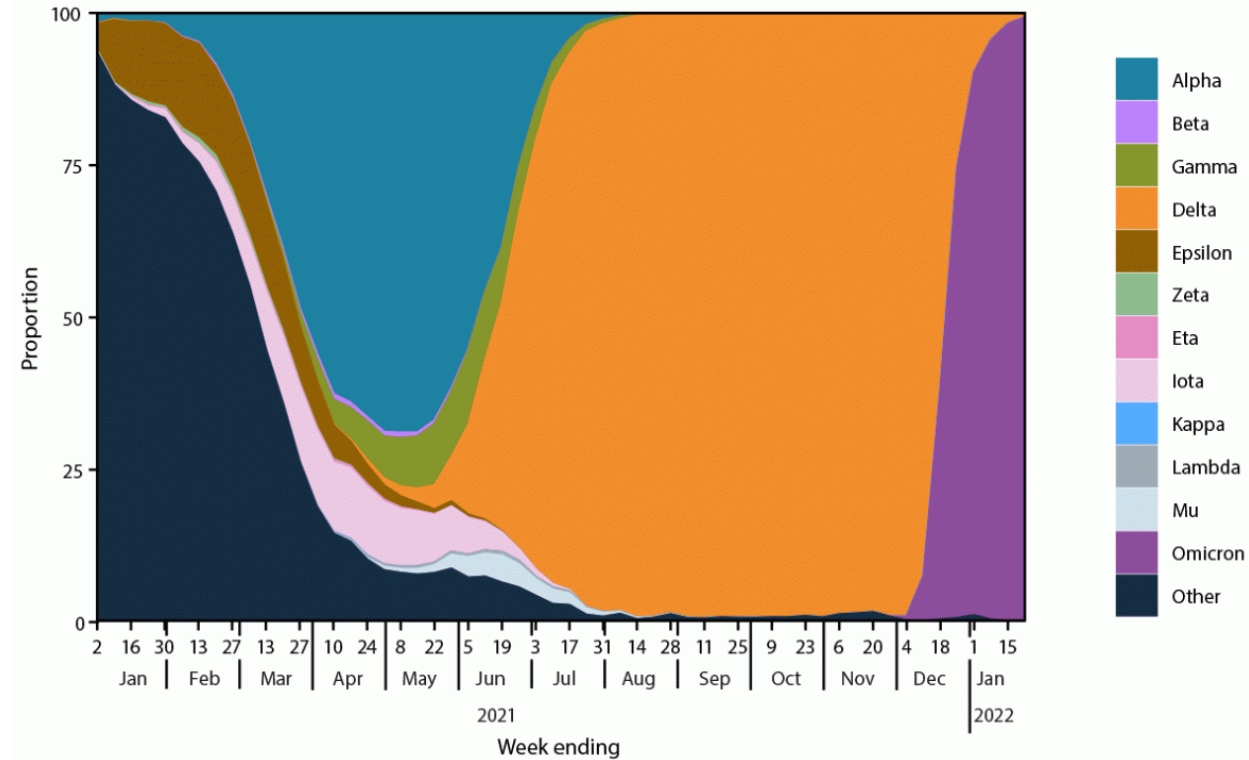
Percent of Fully Vaccinated Calhoun County Residents who Received Booster/Additional Doses



Emerging Variants

- A new study found the Delta variant rose from 1% of COVID-19 cases in the United States to over half of cases over an 8-week period, while the Omicron variant became the most common variant within only 2 weeks.
- New variants are expected to continue emerging, and these variants may have different characteristics. CDC is vigilantly monitoring new variants and their spread to help with public health planning.
- Omicron remains the dominant variant in the United States, accounting for nearly all COVID-19 cases. Severe outcomes, including emergency department visits, hospitalizations, and deaths, from Omicron appear lower than during previous periods of high COVID-19 spread. This is due, in part, to COVID-19 vaccination and boosters. However, millions of eligible people have yet to get their booster.
- COVID-19 virus continues to be unpredictable. Future variants could emerge and cause widespread, serious illness requiring new emergency actions.



National weekly proportion estimates* of SARS-CoV-2 variants[†] —
United States, January 2, 2021–January 22, 2022



Spring Season Allergies

- Both seasonal allergies and COVID-19 can cause cough, fatigue, and headache, but symptoms like fever and chills are more common with COVID-19.
- COVID-19 symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.
- Allergies are caused by a response in the immune system and are not contagious. Medications can treat your symptoms.
- If you're sick, talk to your healthcare provider. You may need a COVID-19 test to confirm your diagnosis.

COVID-19 vs. Allergies

	COVID-19	Allergies
 Common	✓	✗
	✓	✓
	✓	✗
	✓	✓
	✓	✓
 Not Common	✓	✗
	✓	✗*
	✓	✓
	✓	✓
	✓	✓
	✗	✓
	✓	✓

*Seasonal allergies do not usually cause shortness of breath, unless a person has a respiratory condition such as asthma that can be triggered by pollen.



cdc.gov/coronavirus

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Vaccine News

- On January 31, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved a second COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine has been known as the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine.
- Pfizer and FDA pull back from plans to expedite review of Covid-19 vaccine in young children under 5. After new data did not show adequate efficacy with two doses.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is considering expanding the interval between the first two doses of the messenger RNA. CDC may push the 3- and 4-week intervals to 8 weeks.



Test, Mask, and Vaccines

- Visit [Calhouncountymi.gov/covidvaccine](https://calhouncountymi.gov/covidvaccine) for resources on free offerings of KN95 face masks, COVID-19 Vaccines, and COVID-19 at-home test kits.



Free KN95 masks in Calhoun County

The CCPHD has partnered with community service organizations and churches to ensure accessing these masks is easy, convenient, and free throughout the county. KN95 face masks can be picked up at the following locations:

- [Albion Health Care Alliance](#) - 115 Market Pl, Albion, MI 49224
- [Burma Center](#) - 765 Upton Ave, Springfield, MI 49037
- [Central Christian Church](#) - 713 Riverside Dr, Battle Creek, MI 49015
- [Dexter Lake Church of God](#) - 1555 E Michigan Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49014
- [Fountain Clinic](#) - 111 N Jefferson St # 1, Marshall, MI 49068
- [Kingdom Builders](#) - 50 Spencer St, Battle Creek, MI 49014
- [Larmours Pharmacy](#) - 106 S. Capital Avenue, Athens, MI 49011
- [Love in Action Community Ministries](#) - 203 Bowers Street, Battle Creek MI 49014
- [Love Thy Neighbor Food Pantry](#) - 1391 E Michigan Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49014
- [Miller Pharmacy](#) - 206 N. Broadway St, Union City, MI 49011
- [Neighborhood Employment Hub](#) - 200 W. Van Buren, Battle Creek, MI
- [Second Missionary Baptist Church](#) - 485 N Washington Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49037
- [St. Peter Lutheran Church](#) - 1079 Riverside Dr., Battle Creek, MI 49015
- [St. Philip Catholic Church](#) - 112 Capital Ave NE, Battle Creek, MI 49017
- [St. Thomas Episcopal Church](#) - 16 E. Van Buren St, Battle Creek, MI 49017
- [Voces](#) - 520 W. Michigan Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49037

How to wear a KN95 mask



- 1 Wash your hands or sanitize if you can. Unfold the mask and flatten the metal nosepiece. Hold the mask under your chin with the nosepiece facing up.
- 2 Place the straps over each of your ears. Pull the mask on your face with the nosepiece covering your nose.
- 3 Adjust the nosepiece using fingers from both hands to mold it to the shape of your nose.
- 4 Adjust fit as necessary. All parts of the mask should be flat against your face with no gaps. You shouldn't feel air leaking out as you breath.

Other things to know:

- Do not wash or sanitize your KN95. With proper care, the mask should be reusable for an extended period of time (depending on use).
- Between uses, store your mask in a safe location where it can't get wet.
- Facial hair can impact your KN95's ability to tightly seal to your face, reducing your protection.
- Throw away and replace your KN95 when it becomes dirty, has stretched out, or has become damaged.



www.calhouncountymi.gov/covid
 @CCPublicHealthDepartment



Comments from Elected Officials

U.S. Senator Peters

Senator Bizon

Representative Haadsma

Representative Hall

County Elected Officials

Tribal Elected Officials

City Elected Officials

Township Elected Officials

Village Elected Officials



Best Information Sources

Calhoun County Government and Public Health Department

calhouncountymi.gov

- Visit county site to sign up for all JOC press releases

City of Battle Creek, COVID-19 page

battlecreekmi.gov/coronavirus

State of Michigan, COVID-19 page

michigan.gov/coronavirus

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

cdc.gov/coronavirus



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